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TOPIC Military Activities in Doeberitz, Potsdam, Magdeburg and at the
Wittstock Training Grounds

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Information

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3. After about 10 June, small maneuver-like exercises were held in the vicinity of Doeberitz, predominantly in the Brieselanger Forest. These exercises involved up to 12 T-34 tanks, presumably from Loewen Kaserne (2063), 12 x 152-mm field howitzers from Olympisches Dorf, 8 x 120-mm mortars and an undetermined number of soldiers, who advanced at platoon and company level under armored protection and were covered by field howitzers.³ 25X1
4. Between 1900 and 200 on 16 June, 8 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 8 tractors, 8 trucks and 4 boxcarloads of soldiers were entrained for Altengrabow at the Wildpark railroad station.⁴ 25X1
5. Between 5 and 9 June, intensive traffic by columns, which proceeded toward Haldensleben, was observed on the northern road bridge (Wilhelm Pieck Bruecke) in Magdeburg. Columns seen included:
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6. On 4 June, preparations for an exercise in the Frankendorf-Steinberge-Zechlin area included the erection of dummy targets in the open terrain. At 0300 on 9 June, an attack toward northwest started from the direction of Neuruppin. Some 40 T-34 and T-54 tanks, 10 heavy and medium SP guns, armored personnel carriers, trucks and personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets participated. At about 0500, the attack was followed by a firing which lasted until 0700. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. According to weapons, units of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig, which had remained at the post, were probably entrained. In late May, the brigade had also transferred to Altengrabow in 3 shipments for short-term firing practices. [redacted]
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6. [redacted] Comment. These were probably exercises of units of the 12th Gds Tank Div, which were frequently held in this area. Similar exercises were conducted by the 1st Mecz Div and the 6th Gds Mecz Div at the same time.
7. [redacted] Comment. The dismantling of Camp Schweinrich had previously been reported by other sources. [redacted]. Information in a previous report, according to which the 12th Gds Tank Div will, in the future, be in charge of the training grounds, may be correct. The information is supported by the fact that the area has already been turned over to the Kech office in Fuerstenberg.

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